

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Patent Claims

- 1). (Currently Amended) A cholesterol-reducing and triglyceride-reducing food agent comprising water-insoluble carob fiber and at least one n-3 fatty acid, the n-3 fatty acid or the n-3 fatty acids being present at a concentration of at least 15 area % of TFA (area % based on the AOCS Official Method Ce 1b-69; TFA = total fatty acid).
- 2). (Previously Presented) The agent as claimed in claim 1, wherein the n-3 fatty acid is a polyunsaturated fatty acid having a chain length > C12 having at least two double bonds, or its ester, triglyceride, phospholipid, glycolipid, sphingolipid, wax or sterol ester.
- 3). (Currently Amended) The agent as claimed in ~~one of claim[[s]] 1 or 2~~, wherein the n-3 fatty acid is selected from one or more of the following substances: all-cis-9,12,15-octadecatrienoic acid (ALA), all-cis-6,9,12,15-octadecatetraenoic acid, all-cis-11,14,17-eicosatrienoic acid, all-cis-8,11,14,17-eicosatetraenoic acid, all-cis-5,8,11,14,17-eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA), all-cis-13,16,19-docosatrienoic acid, all-cis-7,10,13,16,19-docosapentaenoic acid (DPA) and all-cis-4,7,10,13,16, 19-docosahexaenoic acid (DHA).
- 4). (Previously Presented) The agent as claimed in claim 3, wherein the n-3 fatty acid is all-cis-4,7,10,13,16,19-docosahexaenoic acid (DHA).
- 5). (Previously Presented) A cholesterol-reducing combination preparation comprising water-insoluble carob fiber and at least one n-3 fatty acid in separate administration forms, the n-3 fatty

acid or the n-3 fatty acids being present at a concentration of at least 15 area % of TFA (area % based on the AOCS official method Ce 1b-69; TFA = total fatty acid).

6). (Currently Amended) A method for producing an agent as claimed in ~~one of claim[[s]] 1 to 4~~, which comprises mixing at least one carob product and at least one cholesterol-reducing active compound with one another.

7). (Currently Amended) ~~The use of A drug comprising~~ an agent as claimed in ~~one of claim[[s]] 1 to 4 as drug~~.

8). (Currently Amended) ~~The use A drug as claimed in claim 7 as , wherein said drug is a~~ cholesterol-reducing drug.

9). (Currently Amended) ~~The use A drug as claimed in claim 7 for the prophylaxis of wherein said drug is a hypercholesterolemia, hyperlipidemia or arteriosclerosis drug.~~

10). (Currently Amended) ~~The use A drug as claimed in claim 7 for the positive shifting of wherein said drug positively shifts the HDL/LDL ratio.~~

11). (Currently Amended) ~~The use of an An agent as claimed in ~~one of claim[[s]] 1 to 4 for , wherein said agent is administered along with an additional supply with n-3 fatty acids.~~~~